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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Teleflex Medical OEM Receives Patent for High-Strength, Coreless Force Fiber® Suture**

**RALEIGH, N.C.** Teleflex Medical OEM, a global leader in custom sutures and performance fibers, has been issued a patent by the United States Patent and Trademark Office for a unique high-strength suture. U.S. Patent 8,088,146 addresses a suture that combines a proprietary coreless braid design with fibers of ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene (UHMWPE). This technology is also applicable to UHMWPE material co-braided with colored fibers to create greater visibility and contrast during surgical procedures.

“Teleflex Medical OEM continues to pursue innovations in performance fibers and specialty sutures,” stated Richard Gallagher, Global Director of Research, Development and Engineering for Teleflex Medical OEM. “The issuance of the patent further solidifies our role as a global leader in fiber-based products that will provide benefits to our customers and to their patients.”

Marketed under the brand Force Fiber® since 2004, the suture’s excellent physical properties and handling characteristics have made it a leading choice for arthroscopic repairs. Research indicates that Force Fiber® has a high level of strength compared to competitive suture. In addition, the suture is flexible, nonabrasive, and has a silk-like feel that is gentle on tissue and gloves. Force Fiber’s® coreless braid, when tied by the surgeon, will flatten upon itself to provide a low knot profile that resists slippage and offers outstanding knot security.

The Force Fiber® portfolio includes a wide range of USP sizes, patterns such as cross and stripe, and an outstanding selection of solids and multi-colored sutures, including blue, white, green, white/blue, green/white, white/black and white/green.

Teleflex Medical OEM has private label agreements with leading orthopedic medical device manufacturers to market Force Fiber suture for orthopedic applications. In addition, Force Fiber® suture is used as a component in numerous orthopedic medical devices.

For additional information about Force Fiber® suture, please visit [www.teleflexmedicaloem.com](http://www.teleflexmedicaloem.com).

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#### **About Teleflex Incorporated**

Teleflex is a leading global provider of specialty medical devices for a range of procedures in critical care and surgery. Our mission is to provide solutions that enable healthcare providers to improve outcomes and enhance patient and provider safety. Teleflex also provides design, development, and production services for device manufacturers. Headquartered in Limerick, Pa., Teleflex employs

approximately 11,500 people worldwide and serves healthcare providers in more than 130 countries. Additional information about Teleflex can be obtained from the company's website at [teleflex.com](http://teleflex.com).

**Forward-Looking Statements**

Any statements contained in this press release that do not describe historical facts may constitute forward-looking statements. Any forward-looking statements contained herein are based on our management's current beliefs and expectations, but are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and changes in circumstances, which may cause actual results or company actions to differ materially from what is expressed or implied by these statements. These risks and uncertainties are identified and described in more detail in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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